



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: Katsuhiko MIKOSHIBA *et al.*  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 4 of this document.

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Remarks begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: